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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

March 31, 1966

The Honorable William F. Raborn  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I have seen press reports to the effect that George A. Carver, Jr., the author of a recent article in Foreign Affairs on the Vietcong, is an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. There was no indication of that fact in the magazine and it would be logical for the reader to assume, therefore, that Mr. Carver was writing for himself and not for the Administration.

This raises questions in my mind, as to the role of Agency employees in engaging in activities designed to influence foreign policy attitudes in the United States. For example, was Mr. Carver encouraged by the Agency to write this article? Did Mr. Carver use information available to him only by reason of his employment? Did the Agency approve the article? Would the Agency have approved the article if it had been critical of Administration policy? Would Mr. Carver have been free to write a critical article for publication? Why was Mr. Carver's official connection with the Government not made public?

How many other Agency employees have written articles in their field of interest for publication in the

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United States without attribution? How is this kind of activity related to the role of the Agency as an information gathering institution?

I would appreciate very much having your comments on these questions and a statement of Agency policy on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*J.W. Fulbright*  
W. Fulbright  
Chairman

Enclosures

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